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Applicant:

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TRANSGENIC ANIMALS FOR THE STUDY OF

BIOLOGICAL PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL TOXIC

AGENTS

ATTENTION:

Refund Section

Accounting Division OFFICE OF FINANCE

REQUEST FOR REFUND OF 50% OF FILING FEE

BOX REFUND Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

December 18, 2000

Sir:

The following documentation and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

DOCUMENTATION

The above-identified application was eligible for Small Entity status at least as early as October 24, 2000, and continues to be eligible for Small Entity status. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the below mentioned fees be refunded.

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REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a), applicants hereby request a refund of 50% of the Filing Fee. Small entity status has been established by the above a written assertion/statement.

Small Entity applicants may now file the necessary Statement within two (2) months of the date of payment of any particular fee and request a refund. The present application qualifies for the reduced fees as implemented by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 1, 1982, and further amended on January 20, 1983 and September 8, 2000.

The present application was perfected on October 24, 2000 with fees of \$2020.00. It is respectfully requested that the excess fee of \$1010.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-2448. Favorable action on the present Request is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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